(b) At the school level, courses and their content are prescribed by the respective State Boards of Education. On its part, the NCERT develops model curricla and text books for all classes at the school level which are available to various states and School Boards for adoption/adaption. In preparing the curricula, the NCERT endeavours to incorporate the latest developments in knowledge and its applications. At the college level, the courses and curricula are prescribed by the Universities to which the colleges are affiliated. The University Grants Commission has appointed expert groups in different disciplines to review University level courses and their content. These groups have been recommending, from time to time, measures for modernising courses for consideration by the Universities. In 1986, the UGC has set up 24 Curriculum Development Centres in different disciplines to prepare new curricular material on a continuous basis.

(c) The National Policy on Education 1986 envisages vocationalisation of secondary education to cover about 10 per cent of the students at that stage by 1990 and 25 per cent by 1995. For this purpose, new centrally sponsored scheme of vocatinalisation has been formulated for implementation in the VII Plan. It is being implemented. At the University level also, the UGC has been emphasising the introduction of application-oriented components in the first degree courses. The Commission has also offered financial assistance to Universities and colleges for this purpose.

**Corruption in International Airports Authority of India**

2266. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether International Airports Authority Employees Union, Delhi has submitted a memorandum to Government alleging malpractices and corruption in International Airports Authority of India if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether investigation into the charges have been ordered; if so, when; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it has come to Government's notice that spare parts used by M. T. Section of IAAI are fake duplicate and bills have been sanctioned without goods being delivered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The complaint alleges certain financial irregularities and administrative improprieties.

(b) and (c) The Chairman, IAAI, has ordered an Inquiry into the allegation on 1-8-1988 by the Vigilance Department of the IAAI.

**Conversion of Railway lines**

2267. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what kilometreage of metre gauge rail line was proposed to be converted into broad gauge in different Zones during each of the last three years, yearwise, including the current year; and

(b) what kilometreage of railway line was actually converted during the said periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Rail route kilometreage proposed to be converted from metre gauge to broad gauge and actually

converted during the last three years, including 1988-89, is as under;

| Year | Km. proposed to be Converted | Km. actually Converted |
|---|---|---|
| 1986-87 . . . | Nil | — |
| 1987-88 . . . | 178 Km N Railway<br>51 Km N E Railway | Nil |
| 1988-89 . . . | 27 Km N E Railway | 178 Km N Railway<br>78 Km N E Railway |

Suratgarh-Bikaner, (178 km) proposed to be oconverted in 1987-88 on Northern Railway, was completed in all respects and opened in April, 1988. Moradabad-Kashipur (51 km) on N.E. Railway, proposed to be converted in 1987-88, could not be opened due to public agitation, on which it was decided to convert and open the entire section Moradabad-Ramnagar (78 Km) at one time. This was opened in June, 1988.

**Expenditure incurred on Prime Minister's foreign tours**

2268. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred each time on account of the Prime Minister's tours to foreign countries during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) what is the foreign exchange component in each of the amount of the expenditure; and

(c) the names of the Journalists who accompanied the Prime Minister during each trip separately, and the paper or agency that each one of them represented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Exclusion of Punjabi from the three language formula by CBSE**

2269. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has not included Punjabi as the third language in schools of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether there is a great resentment amongst the Punjabi community for not including Punjabi as the third language by CBSE;

(c) whether Government propose to unity for not including Punjabi as third language in schools in Delhi; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) There is provision for taking Punjabi as one of the pthree languages under the Central Board of Secondary Education's new scheme of studies. Selection of the third language from out of the modern Indian languages is left to the Schools/Delhi Administration/ Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Rodent menace at Indira Gandhi International Airport**

2270. SHRI RAOOF VALDULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: